U.S. District Court District of Connecticut (New Haven) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:17-cv-01061-AVC

Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut et al v.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services et al

Assigned to: Judge Alfred V. Covello Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 06/27/2017 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/27/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$400 receipt number 0205–4448842.), filed by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York.(Ahmad, Muneer) Modified on 6/27/2017 (Walker, A). (Entered: 06/27/2017)
06/27/2017		Judge Alfred V. Covello added. (Anastasio, F.) (Entered: 06/27/2017)
06/27/2017	<u>2</u>	ELECTRONIC FILING ORDER – PLEASE ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COURTESY COPY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ORDER Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 6/27/2017.(Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 06/28/2017)
06/28/2017	<u>3</u>	NOTICE TO COUNSEL/PRO SE PARTIES: Counsel or pro se parties initiating or removing this action are responsible for serving all parties with attached documents and copies of <u>2</u> Electronic Filing Order, <u>1</u> Complaint filed by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York Signed by Clerk on 6/28/2017.(Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 06/28/2017)
06/29/2017	4	EXHIBIT <i>A–I</i> by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York re <u>1</u> Complaint. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
07/12/2017		Request for Clerk to issue summons as to All Defendants. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 07/12/2017)
07/13/2017	<u>5</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and LR 4 as to *U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services* with answer to complaint due within *30* days. Attorney *Muneer I. Ahmad* *Jerome N. Frank Legal Services – Wall St – Yale Law School* *127 Wall Street* *New Haven, CT 06511*. (Hushin, Z.) (Entered: 07/13/2017)

07/14/2017	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael J. Wishnie on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Wishnie, Michael) (Entered: 07/14/2017)
07/14/2017	7	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. U.S. Customs and Border Protection served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017; U.S. Department of State served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017; US Citizenship and Immigration Services served on 7/14/2017, answer due 8/13/2017. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 07/14/2017)
08/08/2017	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael L. Drezner on behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 08/08/2017)
08/08/2017	2	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time until September 13, 2017 <i>to</i> Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 08/08/2017)
08/10/2017	10	ORDER granting 2 motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is extended to and including September 13, 2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on August 10, 2017. (Modzelewski, C.) (Entered: 08/10/2017)
09/08/2017	11	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time until October 13, 2017to Respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/12/2017	12	ORDER granting 11 motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is extended to and including October 13, 2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on September 12, 2017. (Modzelewski, C.) (Entered: 09/12/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Justin B. Cox to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536777) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order, # 2 Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing, # 3 Affidavit)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Mariko Hirose to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536831) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Text of Proposed Order, # 3 Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/18/2017	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Stephen Poellot to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4536844) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Text of Proposed Order, # 3 Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/18/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>16</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) 1 to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538798) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Exhibit Certificate of standing, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Esther Sung to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538799) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Exhibit Certificate of standing, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Melissa Keaney to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538800) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Exhibit Certificate of standing, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)

09/19/2017	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Nicholas Espiritu to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number 0205–4538801) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Exhibit Certificate of standing, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/28/2017	20	ORDER granting <u>13</u> motion to appear; granting <u>14</u> motion to appear; granting <u>15</u> motion to appear; granting <u>16</u> motion to appear; granting <u>17</u> motion to appear; granting <u>18</u> motion to appear; granting <u>19</u> motion to appear Certificate of Good Standing due by 11/27/2017. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 09/28/17. (Covello, Alfred) (Entered: 09/28/2017)
10/02/2017	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mariko Hirose on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Hirose, Mariko) (Entered: 10/02/2017)
10/04/2017	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen Poellot on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Poellot, Stephen) (Entered: 10/04/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>23</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time <i>and Entry of Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # 1/2 Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/11/2017	24	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>23</u> motion for extension of time. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is hereby extended to and including November 17, 2017. The defendants' motion is denied in all other respects. The response and reply, if any, shall be filed in accordance with the federal and local rules of civil procedure. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on October 11, 2017. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 10/11/2017)
11/04/2017		Answer deadline updated for All Defendants. The time for the defendants to respond to the plaintiffs' complaint is hereby extended to and including November 17, 2017 (Alexander, R.) (Entered: 11/04/2017)
11/09/2017	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York.Responses due by 11/30/2017 (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 11/09/2017)
11/13/2017	26	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>25</u> motion to stay. The briefing schedule is hereby stayed to and including December 28, 2017. Any future motions for an extension of the stay shall include a specific articulation of the basis of the need for additional time. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on November 13, 2017. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 11/13/2017)
12/01/2017	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 12/01/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>28</u>	ANSWER to 1 Complaint with Affirmative Defenses by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
01/26/2018	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 01/26/2018)
02/02/2018	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Joshua T. Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC–4705454) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 02/02/2018)
02/02/2018	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Attorney(s) Linda B. Evarts to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC–4705519) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit, # 2 Text of Proposed Order, # 3 Appendix Certificate of Good Standing)(Ahmad, Muneer)

		(Entered: 02/02/2018)	
02/06/2018	33	ORDER granting 31 Motion for Attorney Joshua T. Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice. Certificate of Good Standing due by 4/7/2018. Signed by Clerk on 2/6/2018. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)	
02/06/2018	34	ORDER granting 32 Motion for Attorney Linda B. Evarts to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Clerk on 2/6/2018. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)	
02/28/2018	<u>35</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua T. Stehlik on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Stehlik, Joshua) (Entered: 02/28/2018)	
02/28/2018	<u>36</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Linda B. Evarts on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Evarts, Linda (Entered: 02/28/2018)	
03/05/2018	<u>37</u>	CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING re <u>31</u> MOTION for Attorney(s) Joshu Stehlik to be Admitted Pro Hac Vice (paid \$75 PHV fee; receipt number ACTDC–4705454) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, the Road New York. (Stehlik, Joshua) (Entered: 03/05/2018)	
03/27/2018	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 03/27/2018)	
04/09/2018	<u>39</u>	ORDER for production of documents. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on April 9, 2018. (Kontyko, K.) (Entered: 04/09/2018)	
05/25/2018	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department o State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 05/25/2018)	
06/25/2018	41	Joint STATUS REPORT (<i>Amended</i>) by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 06/25/2018)	
07/24/2018	<u>42</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department o State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 07/24/2018)	
09/24/2018	<u>43</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department o State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 09/24/2018)	
09/25/2018	<u>44</u>	STATUS REPORT (<i>Corrected Signature Line</i>) by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 09/25/2018)	
11/26/2018	<u>45</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 11/26/2018)	
01/09/2019	<u>46</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Production Schedule</i> by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services.Responses due by 1/30/2019 (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 01/09/2019)	
01/23/2019	47	ORDER granting 46 motion to stay. Counsel shall notify the court within 10 days after congress has restored appropriations to the department of justice. The court will address the issue of appropriate deadlines and extensions after it is notified by counse that appropriations have been restored. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 1/23/19 (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 01/23/2019)	
01/23/2019		Case Stayed per 47 Order. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 01/24/2019)	
02/01/2019	<u>48</u>	NOTICE by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 02/01/2019)	
02/06/2019	<u>49</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify Production Schedule by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of State, US Citizenship and Immigration	

		Services.Responses due by 2/27/2019 (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Drezner, Michael) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/19/2019	50	ORDER granting <u>49</u> motion to modify production schedule. It is hereby ordered that defendants U.S. Department of State and U.S. Customs and Border Protection will make their next production of those non–exempt, fully processed documents which require the use of electronic search terms, on 3/8/19. Thereafter, the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to make such productions on a rolling basis every 8 weeks. The parties will submit the next joint status report on 2/22/19, and every 60 days thereafter. The stay shall be lifted. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 2/19/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/19/2019		Set Deadline: Status Report due by 2/22/2019 per 50 Order. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 02/20/2019)
02/22/2019	<u>51</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Ahmad, Muneer) (Entered: 02/22/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>52</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Reena Parikh on behalf of Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
04/23/2019	<u>53</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Parikh, Reena) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
05/16/2019	<u>54</u>	NOTICE by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York <i>OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL BY MELISSA S. KEANEY</i> (Keaney, Melissa) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>55</u>	MOTION for Melissa S. Keaney to Withdraw as Attorney by Council on American–Islamic Relations – Connecticut, Make the Road New York. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Keaney, Melissa) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/30/2019	56	ORDER granting <u>55</u> motion to withdraw as attorney for the plaintiffs. Attorney Melissa Keaney terminated. Signed by Judge Alfred V. Covello on 5/30/19. (Hall, Gregory) (Entered: 05/30/2019)